Trinity Historical Society
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The Trinity Historical society (THS) is pleased to announce the launch of our "Adopt a Headstone Project". We completed the first phase of this project, the restoration and enhancement of the War Monument in St. Paul's churchyard in Trinity, in time for a ceremony on November 11th, 2021. The next phase is up-righting, repair, and cleaning of the headstones. If you have an ancestor buried in the churchyard, we ask that you consider making a donation to the restoration of his or her headstone or making a general donation to the project. If you do not have an ancestor buried here, you may simply want to make a donation toward the restoration of this beautiful cemetery. A description of the project and how to donate can be found on the THS Website and will soon be on the THS Facebook Page.

As always, the THS welcomes application for membership from anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.
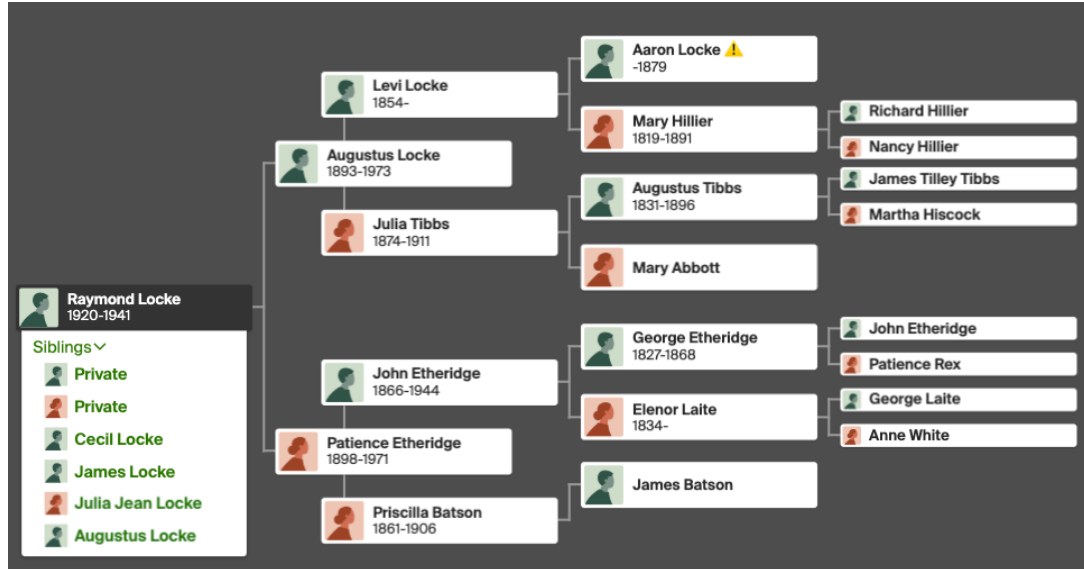
In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of the 12th of the men whose names are inscribed on the War Monument in St. Paul's Churchyard.

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Raymond Locke

Raymond Locke, the son of Augustus Locke and Patience Etheridge was born in Trinity on April 23, 1920. He enlisted in the Royal Navy in WW II and became an Ordinary Seaman (O.S.) with the Royal Navy Patrol Service. He lost his life when the S.S. Aguila was torpedoed in the Atlantic by U201 on August 19, 1941. He was 21.

Family Tree

SS AGUILA was a British passenger steamer of 3,255 tons built in 1917. On the 19th August 1941 she was enroute from Liverpool for Gibraltar and Lisbon in Convoy OG-71carrying a cargo of 397 bags of mail in a general cargo of 1,288 tons, when she was torpedoed by German submarine U-201 and sunk. The AGUILA (Master Arthur Firth) was the ship of the convoy under the command of commodore Vice-Admiral Patrick E. Parker DSO RN and sank within 90 seconds. The commodore, four naval staff officers, 58 crew members, and 89 passengers were lost.

SS Aguila

Position when sunk